

III. REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1, 9, 14, 16, 23, 29, 30 and 35 have been amended. Applicant does not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserves the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicant reserves the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 9 and 14 are objected to for informalities. Claims 1-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Hohndel *et al.* "Automated Installation of Linux Systems Using YAST", 1999, hereafter "Hohndel."

A. OBJECTION TO CLAIMS 1, 9 AND 14 FOR INFORMALITIES

The Office has objected claims 1, 9 and 14 for allegedly containing informalities. Specifically, the Office asserts that the period at the end of line 2 of claim 1 is inappropriate. Applicant has amended claim 1 to replace the period at the end of line 2 with a colon. The Office further states that claims 9 and 14 are identified with the status "Currently Amended" without containing a new limitation. Applicant has added one or more limitations to claims 9 and 14 to conform to the "Currently Amended" status identifier. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the objections be withdrawn.

B. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-35 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

With regard to the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection over Hohndel, Applicant asserts that Hohndel does not teach each and every feature of the claimed invention. For example, with respect to independent claim 1 and similarly claimed in claims 9, 14, 16, 23, 29, 30 and 35, Applicant submits that Hohndel fails to teach providing a plurality of control files, each control file having entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to a particular software platform. The Office asserts that this feature is taught by the title of Hohndel, which recites "Automated Installation of Linux Systems Using Yast." However, this title of Hohndel mentions nothing about a control file being provided. Furthermore, the title of Hohndel does not teach a plurality of control files. Still further, Hohndel does not teach that each control file has entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to a particular software platform. In contrast, the claimed invention includes "...providing a plurality of control files, each control file having entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to a particular software platform." Claim 1. As such, unlike the generic title of Hohndel, the providing step of the claimed invention provides a plurality of control files. Each control file has entries of computer system identifiers pertaining to a particular software platform. For the above reasons, the title of Hohndel does not teach the providing step of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office withdraw its rejection.

With further respect to independent claim 1 and similarly claimed in claims 9, 14, 16, 23, 29, 30 and 35, Applicant submits that Hohndel also fails to teach designating, by a user, a computer system and a software platform of a plurality of software platforms to be installed on the designated computer system using a graphical user interface. The Office also equates this

feature with the title of Hohndel. However, the title of Hohndel does not teach that a user designates or selects a software platform from a plurality of software platforms. In addition, Hohndel also does not teach that this selection is performed via a graphical user interface. In contrast, the present invention includes "...designating, by a user, a computer system and a software platform of a plurality of software platforms to be installed on the designated computer system using a graphical user interface." Claim 1. As such, unlike the title Automated Installation of Linux Systems Using Yast of Hohndel, in the designating of the claimed invention, the user designates a software platform of a plurality of software platforms. Furthermore, the user designates this software platform using a graphical user interface. Thus, the designating step of the present invention is not taught by the title of Hohndel. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office withdraw its rejection.

With respect to dependent claims, Applicant herein incorporates the arguments presented above with respect to the independent claims from which the claims depend. Furthermore, Applicant submits that all dependant claims are allowable based on their own distinct features. Since the cited art does not teach each and every feature of the claimed invention, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

IV. CONCLUSION

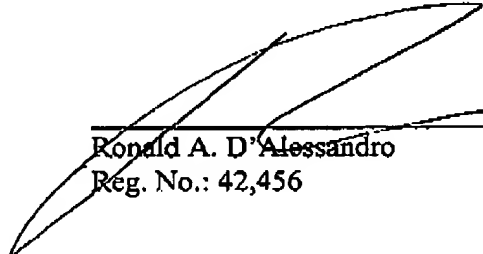
In addition to the above arguments, Applicant submits that each of the pending claims is patentable for one or more additional unique features. To this extent, Applicant does not acquiesce to the Office's interpretation of the claimed subject matter or the references used in rejecting the claimed subject matter. Additionally, Applicant does not acquiesce to the Office's

combinations and modifications of the various references or the motives cited for such combinations and modifications. These features and the appropriateness of the Office's combinations and modifications have not been separately addressed herein for brevity. However, Applicant reserves the right to present such arguments in a later response should one be necessary.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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